Sl. No.	Country
25.	Ethiopia
26.	Armenia
27.	Nepal
28.	Tanjania
29.	Djibouti
30.	Eritrea (Africa)
31.	Zanzibar (East Africa)
32.	Dubai
33.	South Africa

Submerging of FCI Godowns

†1637. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a request has been submitted to Government regarding damage and drainage of foodgrains as a result of submerging several godowns of the Food Corporation of India caused by devastating floods this year in Bihar; and.

(b) if so, the full details thereof and the godown-wise position and the quantum of foodgrains in quintals and the amount involved in it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No request has been received by the Department of Food & Public Distribution in this regard. However, foodgrains, stored by the FCI at food storage depots (FSD) at Darbhanga and Forbesganj in Bihar have been damaged due to devastating floods in July, 2004.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The details of foodgrains damaged and the amount involved are as under:—

Name of the Depot	Commodity	Qty. inMTs	Amount involved (Rs. in lakh)
FSD, Darbhanga	Wheat	53	6.90
	Rice	47	6.32
FSD, Forbesganj	Wheat	52	4.80
	Rice	06	0.80
	Paddy	51	3.23
TOTAL:		209	20.05

Delay in disposal of consumer cases

†1638. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards inordinate delay being caused in disposal of consumer related cases;

(b) if so, the reasons for such delay; and

(c) whether Government propose to take urgent action to ensure speedy disposal of consumer related cases in view of the fact that consumers are losing their faith in the consumer courts because of the undue delay taken by these courts in disposing of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRITASLIMUDDIN): (a) As per the information made available by the National Commission out of 23,52,388 cases field in consumer fora so far 19,92,919 cases have been disposed off. The overall disposal rate is 84.71% which is considered to be satisfactory.

(b) and (c) The disposal of cases by the consumer disputes redressal agencies in the country is mainly affected by inadequate infrastructure,

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